



Timberbank Times

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Principal's Message

Timberbank is TEAMWORK!

This is our motto and you can certainly see and feel that as you walk through our school. From our incredible staff to our students, we are all committed to working hard and working together as our students strive to do their very best.

It has already been an extremely busy September and we hope that your child has come home to let you know the many wonderful things that are happening at Timberbank. We hope that this newsletter will give you a bit of a glimpse of what we have been doing and learning. Our school newsletter will go home the first Friday of every month and we hope to email it to those who have provided us with that contact information.

Parent-school relationships are very important to us and we want to make sure that you are always aware of what is happening at our school. Our teachers recognize the need for your support and try to communicate your child's progress in a variety of ways. Whether through the Timberbank agenda, classroom websites, newsletters, calendars or on our own Timberbank wiki, we hope that you can remain connected to your child's learning. It is certainly true that it takes a village to raise a child, and we believe that our Timberbank community is that village.

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to our "Meet the Teacher Night" and who supported our pizza fundraiser that evening. The funds collected will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation along with the tnoonies that our students contributed for our Walk/Run Event on September 28th.

On behalf of all of our staff at Timberbank, I would like to express how much we are all looking forward to working with your children and we plan to make this a very successful school year!

Mrs. Anna Epitropou



Upcoming Dates

Oct. 8	Thanksgiving— No school
Oct. 11	Cross Country Meet @ Earl Bales Park
Oct. 11	Young Women on the Move Event @ Spirales
Oct. 16	Individual Education Plans go home
Oct. 18	Cross Country City Finals @ Centennial Park
Oct. 19	Fall Community Clean Up in the afternoon
Oct. 23	Anti-bullying presentation: "FREEZE Out the Bullying" @ 1pm
Oct. 23	Ward Forum @ Terraview-Willowfield PS @ 6:30pm
Oct. 31	Halloween Parade in the afternoon
Nov. 2	Picture Retake Day
Nov. 5/6	Hip Hop Enrichment classes for our grade 4, 5 and 6 students
Nov. 8	Parent School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm in the library



EQAO - Grade 3 & 6 2011-2012

Congratulations to everyone for their hard work. This is definitely a team effort that requires all of our teachers to focus on our students' literacy and numeracy skills. As a staff, we continue to analyze our results and put strategies in place for improvement.

Grade 3 (% achieving Level 3 and 4)

Reading: School - 78%; Board - 65% Province - 66%

Writing: School - 84%; Board - 77%; Province - 76%

Math: School - 84%; Board - 70%; Province - 68%

Grade 6 (% achieving Level 3 and 4)

Reading: School - 74%; Board - 74% Province - 75%

Writing: School - 70%; Board - 75%; Province - 74%

Math: School - 78%; Board - 62%; Province - 58%

For more information, feel free to visit www.eqao.com.

Keeping Safe

We have completed one of our three mandatory fall fire drills. Our students exited quickly and quietly. We want to thank our staff and congratulate our students for learning this important procedure. We will also have a lockdown practice this fall. This is another safety procedure that we have in place to deal with a variety of potentially dangerous situations. We are proud to have a safe learning community and wish to continue doing so.

Cross Country News

We want to wish our Cross Country Team the best of luck at the meet on October 11th at Earl Bales Park. Thanks to the coaches for making this happen for our students. Thanks Mrs. Montgomery, Mr. Katz and Mrs. Hwang-Kim! And a big thanks to the parents for getting the students to the practices 3x a week. **GO Timberwolves GO!!!!**



ECO Team

We did it! We got GOLD!! Thanks to everyone's hard work and commitment to our Eco-initiatives, our school was recognized for this by receiving our gold badge. Our Eco plaque is in the main entrance for all to view.



ECO tip of the month:

Reduce, reuse, recycle and repair - the 4 Rs

A message from: Wangari Maathai The Littlest Hummingbird

Our newsletter and school updates go electronic! Thanks for sending in your School Council forms and agreeing to receive information and forms by email. Beginning with our next edition, parents/guardians will be emailed information and our newsletter. Thanks for saving many trees!

What's up in the library...

A huge thanks to everyone who supported our book fair! Timberbank received over \$1200 in Scholastic books and supplies for our library thanks to all of your support!



Last year, Timberbank's students, staff and families did over 700 Just Read Its! Because everyone worked so hard together to increase the number of Just Read Its we did as a school, we received books for the library and for individual students and the amazing opportunity to have an author visit by Ruth Ohi as a school prize! Let's keep up the hard work this year! After you have finished reading, go to www.tdsb.on.ca > Chris's Place > Initiatives > Just Read It and join in the fun! Anyone can participate! Just make sure to say you are part of the Timberbank Family! This year's first winner of a Just Read It! prize is Sakanan in Grade 1!

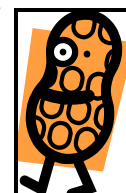
Forest of Reading nominees will be announced on October 15. It is only a few days away and we are very excited about the announcement so we can all get reading! Once announced, books may be found not only in our school library, but also at Toronto Public Libraries and some can be found online on FollettShelf on Timberbank's Virtual Library <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/libraries/sub.asp?schoolNo=4740&subId=20003>.

Happy Reading! Mrs. Walker

Peanut Safe

Sabrina's Law requires every school establish and maintain an anaphylactic policy that includes strategies to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in classrooms and common school areas. As prevention is the best approach, we ask that you speak with your child about not sharing their snacks or lunches with other students and please do not send any snacks or lunches with your child that contain peanuts and/or peanut products. For more information feel free to visit:

<http://www.anaphylaxis.org/>



"Meet the Teacher Night" **Book Fair**



Terry Fox Run



On September 28th, our students ran our annual Terry Fox run in the afternoon. The weather was great and Mr. Katz led us in a great warm up before the run.

We know how much it meant to Terry to have his dream continue and it is important at Timberbank that we help this happen. Thanks to everyone who contributed so that some day we may find a cure to cancer! Students were asked who they were running for?



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Ready 2 Roll Kids BJJ - Support our After School Program

BJJ is Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and it is a martial art which helps to address self-defense, increase a child's sense of responsibility, and self-esteem. This year we are trying to provide our students with some after school programs that may be of interest. Classes will begin shortly if there is enough registrations. At the moment, we still need a few more to register in order to have the class at Timberbank, every Tuesday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm in our gym.

If you are interested, please come and see us in the office for a registration form or you may contact "Ready 2 Roll Kids" directly @ 647-523-7655.

Staying “On T.R.A.C.K.”

At Timberbank, we believe in having our students stay on track. This recognition program raises awareness of each student's contribution to personal and social responsibility. Through our regular assemblies these qualities of character will be recognized and honoured.

Congratulations to the following students for being recognized for their “Teamwork and Trust” and staying “On T.R.A.C.K.”.

Mrs. Ball's class: Joey, Manoah, Nitharsika and Oviya

Mrs. Montgomery's class: Aatmayan, Abinaya, Joyce, Lukas and Ricky

Mrs. De Sousa's class: Daniel, Eyad, Mariam and Zainab

Mrs. Jeung's class: Ashvina, Mark, Miki and Nishani

Mrs. Lee-Davis's class: Abirami, Anny and Samuel

Mrs. Walker/Mr. Mirshahi's class: Fahad, Jolie, Nathaniel and Zhen Yan

Ms Persaud's class: Elbert, Feroz, Karshan, Nancy and Niveethan

Mr. Katz's class: Heidi, Jennifer, Lyan and Vithushan

Mr. O'Connor's class: Anda, Arruny, Praavean and Zaid

Ms Runighan's class: Mathumitha and Pravin



Our students met with Mrs. Epitropou for lunch on Monday, October 1st and told her that our school is great because:

“we have great staff helping us”

“we have a beautiful and clean school thanks to Claudette and Enriques”

“we have lots of fun events”

“we dance during our assemblies”

“our teachers care and are nice to us”

“we have a great computer lab and new laptops to use”

“we became a GOLD EcoSchool this year”

“we have great Arts programs”

“we are active”

“we always work as a TEAM!”

Reminders:

- **Cars dropping off** students need to pay attention to the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. This continues to be a significant safety concern. You are welcome to drive into the parking lot, drop off your child and continue on. Do NOT block the driveway! Please be mindful of your driving around all school neighbourhoods. We want our students and community to be SAFE!!!
- **Electronic games/devices** should not be brought to school and cell phones, if necessary, must be turned off, and secured in your child's backpack. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Student Safety:** During the school day, all doors to our school are locked and we ask parents and caregivers to please enter through the front doors and remember to always check in at the office. Staff washrooms are available for adult use along with a male and female washroom in the main foyer. Please do not enter student washrooms.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12: 25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Dogs:** Our children deserve to play in a clean and safe environment. **Dogs are not allowed on TDSB property at any time.**
- **Playscape:** Our playscape is a very popular place before, during, and after school. If your children are playing on the equipment before and after school, please make certain that they are being supervised.



Parent School Council Needs YOU!

Parental involvement is an important part of the success of our students. We truly value your commitment to the education of your children and our school.

Our Parent School Council met on Thursday, October 4th for the first time this year. Congratulations to the following who have been elected to represent our parent community:

Co-Chairs: Nick Carasis and Faraz Chaudhery

Treasurer: Mike Petkovski

Co-Secretaries: Mary Mavraidis-Jones and Gerald Jones

Community Reps: to be determined



Our next meeting is on Thursday, November 8th at 6:30pm in our library. Please mark your calendars!

Student Absences: Safe Arrival Program

416-396-6860, press 1



As part of our Safe Arrival Program, our Office Administrator, Mrs. Jean Garcia, verifies all unaccounted for absences each morning and afternoon. When your child is absent or late, please give us a call to let us know. For your convenience the Safe Arrival voice mailbox is available 24 hours a day. All students arriving late or leaving early should sign in and/or out at the main office with a parent or designated caregiver. We appreciate your help in this matter.

International Languages Program

Timberbank is pleased to work in collaboration with the Continuing Education Program of the TDSB. This partnership offers language classes at our school. It is great that our students have the opportunity to learn a new language or perhaps further enhance and sustain their first language.

Languages offered: Mandarin & Tamil

When: Wednesdays, from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm

For registration forms, please visit the main office!

Canteen

Every morning and afternoon recesses, healthy snacks will be sold out of Mrs. De Sousa's class window to raise money for the special activities or performances that come to our school.

Items for sale:

Cookie - \$1 (oatmeal, fudge white chunk, chocolate chip)

Frozen Yogurt Tubes

OR Freezies - \$0.75

Asian Rice Cake Mix - \$0.50



Storyvalues Interactive

A fantastic online multicultural storytelling resource! Families can use Storyvalues at home by going to <http://www.storyvalues-home.com>

Home Username: tdsb

Password: student



Soo's Reading Circle

Every Saturday from October 2012 to May 2013

Time: 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Location: Bridlewood Library - 2900 Warden Ave.

For more information, please call

416-297-6568



Scientists in Action!

Our Grade 6s learn and experiment with FLIGHT!



While our Grade 2s learn about pulleys and gears!

